

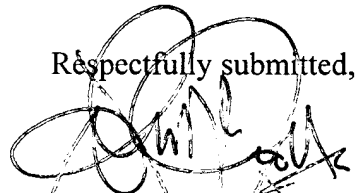
**REMARKS / ARGUMENTS**

Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claim 15 was canceled without prejudice due to the ambiguities between the claim elements and the drawings. All the remaining claims were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were considered allowable if rewritten in independent format including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Therefore, in view of foregoing amendments and clarifications, the applicant submits that allowance of the present application and all remaining claims, as amended, is in order and a formal Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully submitted,



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